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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Kerrville, Texas (November 11, 2015) – On Saturday, November 21, 2015, the City of Kerrville Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division will be hosting its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event. This year the event will be held at the City Yard, which is located at 620 Hays Street; however, the entrance is located on McFarland Street. **The gates will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. Please be advised that this is a first come first serve event and vehicles must be inside the gates prior to 1:00 p.m.** Those wishing to attend the event will be asked to form one line on McFarland from Paschal towards Hays.

This is the second year that the City will be hosting a can food drive concurrently with the HHW collection event that will benefit the Christian Assistance Ministries (CAM) organization. In addition to canned food, gently used blankets and towels will be collected. CAM located at 521 Barnett Street in Kerrville, was founded in 1987 and provides services such as food, clothing, utility assistance, and medications to more than 25,000 people each

year. CAM also works closely with other agencies in the community as well as government entities to find resources for those in need. For more information on their program, please call (830) 257-4222.

“This year we are expecting a large turnout and wanted to take this opportunity to give back to the community and practice good stewardship,” said David Barrera, Assistant Public Works Director. “This is a great time to go through your closets, and look for items to donate.” In addition to collecting HHW and charity donations, this will be the first year that electronics will also be collected. Listed below are a few reminders for the collection event:

- HHW drop off is for City / Kerr County residents only and not intended for businesses;
- All HHW items must be in containers not greater than 5 gallons;
- Prohibited items include – medications, ammunition, explosives, biohazards, radioactive material, gas cylinders, antifreeze, and used motor oil;

Accepted HHW includes – batteries, cleaners, pesticides, insecticides, yard fungicides and herbicides, pool chemicals, latex and oil based paints, paint thinners and removers, fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats, propane tanks with less than a 50 lb. capacity and automotive tires will be limited to eight (8) per vehicle.

Accepted Electronics include – all types of computers and accessories (PC, CPU towers, laptops, servers, keyboards, etc.), printers, fax machines, DVD players, stereos, copiers, telephones, cell phones and chargers, answering machines, video and camera

equipment, video game systems, cable boxes, DVR's, microwaves, cable wires, power cords and strips, televisions and CRT monitors will be limited to two (2) per vehicle.

Although proper disposal of HHW items is important, so is minimizing what is accumulated.

Listed below are a few tips:

- Look for alternatives to certain solutions that you commonly use (ex: use 1/8 cup of white vinegar and 1 cup water to make a window cleaner);
- Buy in smaller quantities;
- Ask a neighbor, family member, or a charity to see if they are in need of some items you might have stored away;
- Latex water based paint may be set out to dry completely and then disposed of with your household garbage. It is recommended to do this in small quantities.

If you do not plan on attending the event but would like to make a charity donation, please contact David Barrera at (830) 258-1223 or via email to david.barrera@kerrvilletx.gov.

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